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For: CYTOKINE ANTAGONISTS FOR
THE TREATMENT OF LOCALIZED
DISORDERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18, 19, 20, and 24 to 29.

Please add the following new Claims 39, 40, 41, and 42.

39. A method for inhibiting the action of TNF for treating a pathologic condition in a human, the pathologic condition being a disease or disorder which is caused or exacerbated by the action of said TNF by administering a TNF antagonist, defined as any of the following types of molecules directed against said TNF: a monoclonal antibody; a monoclonal antibody fragment; soluble receptors; or a fusion protein, comprising the steps of: